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A. Statement of Planning Objectives

The Cow Mountain Recreation Plan will focus on the activity level and site-specific decisions. Objectives include:

1. Development of a comprehensive travel management system that improves and sustains recreation opportunities: utilizing GPS technology to ground-truth existing trails, utilizing GPS technology determine average trail slope percentage and maximum slope percentage, identify potential new trail development, identify trail connectors, identify trail re-routes, and identify creek/stream crossings and structures that need to be replaced.
2. Improve/revise map and visitor information: re-develop visitor map based on GPS technology, expand on proper safe riding equipment, rules and regulations, and educate/emphasize importance of riding etiquette.
3. Address safety concerns: identify, map, and photograph emergency/search and rescue rendezvous locations/helicopter landing zones, identify, map, and photograph latitude and longitude at all trail intersections, expand visitor education to minimize resource impacts.
4. Development: identify potential access points, identify potential new facilities,
5. Development of business plan: determine fees based on amenities provided
6. Soil Monitoring: develop soil monitoring plan
7. Develop maintenance and replacement schedule: currently using 3 year rotation for trail maintenance and want to develop similar schedule for signs, culverts, creek/stream crossing structures, restrooms, etc.
8. Identify types of recreation experiences for zones
9. Complete cultural inventory for existing trails and potential new development
10. Development of a draft and final recreation plan.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

Recreation Plan is the next step following the recently completed Resource Management Plan (RMP). While an RMP is very broad and offers general guidance, the recreation plan goal is to address relevant issues, identify specific development of trails, facilities, and potential access points, identify types of experiences, identify types of uses, identify trail network system, develop accurate map, establish programs to monitor and report impacts to sensitive resources, establish business plan, and identify education/outreach programs.

BLM encourages federal, state and county agencies, native american tribes, stakeholders, offers general users (not affiliated with clubs or groups), and clubs/groups an opportunity to discuss their ideas for development.

This effort provides to the public a clear direction for the area.

C. Statement of Activities

This grant will complete a recreational plan for South Cow Mtn ready for implementation. Tasks required for this project include but limited to GPSing trails, assessing the condition of the trails (Green, Yellow, Red), contract management for tasks (GPSing, cultural inventory, etc), cultural inventory of some existing (cultural inventories have been completed for some trails), cultural inventory of proposed new trails and new facilities, coordination of stakeholder and public meetings, printing and distribution of draft and final plan for public comment, map development for planning effort and development of revised visitor map.

D. List of Reports

Final product will be a Cow Mtn recreational plan for future management of the area and revised visitor map.

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1. Timeline for Completion

Attachments:

[Cow Mtn Planning](#)

2. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

3. Optional Project-specific Maps

Attachments:

[South Cow Mtn](#)

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
Agency: BLM - Ukiah Field Office
Application: Planning Cow Mountain

6/2/2009

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APPLICANT NAME :	BLM - Ukiah Field Office		
PROJECT TITLE :	Planning Cow Mountain	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	<p>The Cow Mountain Recreation Plan will focus on the activity level and site-specific decisions. Objectives include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of a comprehensive travel management system that improves and sustains recreation opportunities: utilizing GPS technology to ground-truth existing trails, utilizing GPS technology determine average trail slope percentage and maximum slope percentage, identify potential new trail development, identify trail connectors, identify trail re-routes, and identify creek/stream crossings and structures that need to be replaced. 2. Improve/revise map and visitor information: re-develop visitor map based on GPS technology, expand on proper safe riding equipment, rules and regulations, and educate/emphasize importance of riding etiquette. 3. Address safety concerns: identify, map, and photograph emergency/search and rescue rendezvous locations/helicopter landing zones, identify, map, and photograph latitude and longitude at all trail intersections, expand visitor education to minimize resource impacts. 4. Development: identify potential access points, identify potential new facilities, 5. Development of business plan: determine fees based on amenities provided 6. Soil Monitoring: develop soil monitoring plan 7. Develop maintenance and replacement schedule: currently using 3 year rotation for trail maintenance and want to develop similar schedule for signs, culverts, creek/stream crossing structures, restrooms, etc. 8. Identify types of recreation experiences for zones 9. Complete cultural inventory for existing trails and potential new development 10. Development of a draft and final recreation plan. 		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Resources Staff	5.000	7500.000	MOS	0.00	37,500.00	37,500.00
	GIS Specialist	2.000	7500.000	MOS	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
	Management and Admin Staff	1.000	7500.000	MOS	3,750.00	3,750.00	7,500.00
	Other-Recreation Planner	2.000	7500.000	MOS	7,500.00	7,500.00	15,000.00
	Other-Archeologist	2.000	7500.000	MOS	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
	Total for Staff				26,250.00	63,750.00	90,000.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
2	Contracts						
	Other-GIS data collection Notes : Includes tasks such as data collection, data correction, creation of data dictionary, final trails & trail condition data layer, etc.	1.000	100000.000	PKG	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00
	Other-cultural clearances Notes : contract with Sonoma State to conduct inventory and produce final report	1.000	30000.000	PKG	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
	Total for Contracts				130,000.00	0.00	130,000.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
	Printing Notes : printing of draft and final plan for distribution	120.000	65.000	PKG	7,800.00	0.00	7,800.00
7	Administrative Costs						
Total Program Expenses					164,050.00	63,750.00	227,800.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					164,050.00	63,750.00	227,800.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					164,050.00	63,750.00	227,800.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	26,250.00	63,750.00	90,000.00	
2	Contracts	130,000.00	0.00	130,000.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	7,800.00	0.00	7,800.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Program Expenses		164,050.00	63,750.00	227,800.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		164,050.00	63,750.00	227,800.00	
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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

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1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points) ☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)
☒ 26% - 50% (3 points) ☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2. Planning Project - Q 2.

A Planning Project - Page 1

2. The Planning Project would address the following 0

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on special-status species habitats
☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on cultural resources
☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on soil conditions
☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on water quality
☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on other recreation uses
☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on adjacent lands.
☒ Potential impact to relationships between OHV Recreation and local residents
☐ Toxic or hazardous materials within a Project Area or adjacent property that may impact OHV Recreation
☒ Trail issues such as traffic patterns, trails closures, appropriate uses, etc.

B. Planning Project - Page 2

Explain each statement that was checked

Recreation plan will designate trail network, revise visitor map, complete cultural clearances for trail network and potential new facilities, modify (if necessary) wet weather closure policy and identify types of uses and their locations.

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 6 or more items checked (4 points) ☐ 4 to 5 items checked (3 points)
☐ 2 to 3 items checked (2 points) ☐ 1 or no items checked (No points)

3. Motorized Access - Q 3.

3. The Project would lead to improved facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Camping ☒ Birding
☒ Hiking ☒ Equestrian trails
☐ Fishing ☐ Rock Climbing
☒ Other (Specify) [hunting, dog training, wildlife viewing]

4. Public Input - Q 4.

4. The Project proposal was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
- ☐ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)
- ☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

Meetings have been conducted with several clubs/groups and generally interested visitors regarding the up coming plan.

5. Stakeholder Input - Q 5.

5. If the Project were approved, the planning process would incorporate substantial stakeholder input: 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

If 'Yes', explain, specifically, how it would be 'substantial'. Identify stakeholders

Mendocino 4x4, north bay motorcycle club, Clearlake Horsemen Association, Ukiah Valley Trails Group, IMBA, and other visitors (not affiliated with a club) have expressed interest in assisting with trail layout, potential new facilities, and overall plan development.

6. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 6.

6. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 4 or more (4 points) ☐ 2 to 3 (2 points)
☐ 1 (1 point) ☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

IMBA, Ukiah Valley Trails group, Mendocino 4x4, North Bay Motorcycle club, Clearlake Horsemen Association, and other individuals (not affiliated with a club).

7. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 7.

7. The Planning Project sustains OHV Opportunity in the following manner 14

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Project will develop management plans for existing OHV Opportunity (4 points)
- ☒ Project will complete environmental review for an OHV Development Project (3 points)
- ☒ Project supports development of OHV Opportunities adjacent to population centers (3 points)
- ☒ Project supports development of OHV Opportunities in areas that lack legal OHV Opportunity (2 points)
- ☒ Project will develop a system of designated OHV routes for an existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

Project will develop recreation management plan for OHV opportunity, will support and direct development of OHV opportunities adjacent to Ukiah and Lakeport as well as for the San Francisco and Sacramento Metropolitan areas, will develop and designate a trail network, will identify locations for OHV opportunities (in South Cow) where there currently are none, and will complete initial (cultural, biological) environmental review for proposed development

8. Identification of Funding Sources - Q 8.

8. Funds for implementing the completed plan have been identified 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No (No points) ☐ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Reference Document

9. Offsite Impacts - Q 9.

9. The Planning Project would address offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff): 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Plan would provide well designed trail network and entice users to recreate on existing trails versus intrusions onto undisturbed private lands or meadow areas. This would minimize fugitive dust, soil erosion, trespass and noise.